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Mr. Smerchansky was appointed to the Senior Executive Service in August 2006 and currently serves as the Deputy Commander, System Engineering, Interoperability, Architectures and Technology (SIAT) for Marine Corps Systems Command (MCSC). As the Deputy Commander, SIAT, Mr. Smerchansky is responsible for leading Marine Air Ground Task Force (MAGTF) systems engineering and integration efforts, ensuring Marine Corps systems interoperability with coalition and Joint forces, and identifying and pursuing science & technology transition opportunities for Marine Corps systems. Mr. Smerchansky also serves as the Systems Engineering Competency Director, the Technical Authority Deputy Warranting Officer, and the lead for the Marine Corps System Engineering Community of Interest.

Prior to reporting to Marine Corps Systems Command, Mr. Smerchansky served as the Director for Above Water Sensor and the Director of Technology Development and Transition in Program Executive Officer, Integrated Warfare Systems (PEO-IWS). Additionally, he was responsible for the acquisition of the $1.6 Billion Cobra Judy Replacement Program.

He began his career at the Naval Sea Combat Systems Engineering Station (SEABAT) in Norfolk, VA as an In-Service engineer on Submarine Combat Systems. In 1989, he transferred to the Naval Sea Systems Command (NAVSEA) headquarters in Washington, D.C. At NAVSEA he held various engineering and project management positions within the Submarine Combat Systems community including Chief Engineer for Submarine Sonar. As the lead for the development of the Sonar System for the Virginia Class Submarine he initiated an effort to merge legacy sonar systems with the Virginia Class baseline. This Integrated Development Program (IDP) was the first of its kind for Submarines and marked the beginning of the use of Commercial Off-the-Shelf (COTS) products to provide sonar system performance to the operational fleet. In 1997, Mr. Smerchansky became the manager of the Towed Acoustics Systems Program responsible for life-cycle management of all submarine towed array and towed array handling systems. As a result of his efforts to advance towed array reliability through the use of next generation technology, Mr. Smerchansky was awarded the Navy Meritorious Civilian Service Award.

In 2001, he was assigned as the Deputy Program Manager, Strategic and Attack Submarines. He was charged with the support and modernization of the SSN688/SSN21/SSBN 726 Class Submarines to meet the Navy missions of the 21st Century.

From 2002 – 2004, Mr. Smerchansky was the Science and Technology Advisor to the Commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii where he assisted and advised the Commander in the identification of technologies having a critical impact on combat readiness. He was responsible to leverage the DoN S&T community to provide rapid technology insertions, long-term investment strategy and surge capability in support of high priority Fleet issues. In recognition of his long-lasting contributions to the operating forces in the Pacific, he was awarded the Navy Superior Civilian Service Award.

Upon returning to Washington, D.C., Mr. Smerchansky became the Deputy Executive Director for Undersea Technology at the Naval Sea Systems Command. He was responsible to identify opportunities to merge evolving technologies into the development of ongoing or planned programs, and assess and implement initiatives for applications of technological innovations into existing fleet operational platforms.

Mr. Smerchansky holds a Bachelor of Engineering Degree in Electrical Engineering from Youngstown State University (1985) and a Masters in Engineering Management from Old Dominion University (1992).